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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Gotha Area

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1. From 5 to 7 May 1951, all gates of the Heeresflak Kaserne in Gotha (K 1/1 06), which is located north of the Gotha-Sundhausen road were guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and some who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The barracks section on the east side of Schubert Strasse was fully lighted on the three evenings. However, no training activity or other routine duty was noticed. A sentry on a watchtower [redacted] on the west side of Schubert Strasse.

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[redacted] by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets; [redacted] by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. A radio station, set up on an area measuring about 150 x 200 meters was located about 100 meters north of the Heeresflak Kaserne and connected with the barracks installation by eight wires with rubber insulation. Troops observed at the radio station wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Officers from the barracks section on the east side of Schubert Strasse were seen walking to the radio station. \*

2. On 29 May, two officers and 45 EM boarded the regular Gotha-bound train in Wockterstaedt (K 51/II 96). They had arrived at the station [redacted]

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\* [redacted] the Heeresflak Kaserne on the west side of Schubert Strasse and the Neue Kaserne on the east side of Schubert Strasse. The military installations are believed to quarter components of the 57th Cds Mtz Rifle Div, including a mortar unit of the 655th How Arty Regt and a divisional signal unit. [redacted] The radio installation at Gotha [redacted] It may have been an early warning radar of Dumbo type rather than a radio station.

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